



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, February 9, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met February 9, 2016, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on February 3, 2016. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Nuss presided with roll call showing the following present: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Minutes of the meeting held January 26, 2016 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Todd Nuss stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

There was no Public Input.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 26, 2016 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss; abstain: Anderson. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on snow removal. The guys have been starting early while the ground is frozen but have had to stop early as well. When it warms up, it is too wet. Tom responded to some complaints that the roads were not opened clear up right away. He explained that they made one pass through all roads to give access for everyone to get out or for emergency vehicles to get through. Once all roads were opened, they went back to widen the paths and get the snow removed from the roads. His department was also busy assisting motorists that were stuck during the storm.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to open the One & Six Year Road Plan public hearing at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Tom explained that he did not add anything to the 1 & 6 year plan. There are 30 projects consisting of culverts, bridges and grading projects still on the plan.

There was no one else present during the hearing. There were no written or oral comments, suggestions or objections received.

Other agenda items were dealt with during the hearing time.

Tom reported that FEMA will be in Clay County on Thursday to get information on the bridge and get the paperwork finalized. Clay County should receive about \$140,000.00 for culverts, \$222,000 for roads and close to \$100,000.00 for the bridge. Tom asked what the Board planned to do with the money. The budget preparer will be contacted to see how the money should be handled. Tom picked up the pickup that was purchased from a dealer in Kansas. He will be sending two trucks to Kansas to pick up more salt



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for the roads. He would like to find a part time person to operate the other belly dump in order to haul more gravel this spring. Tom was asked what progress had been made on the wiring for time clocks in the shops. He will contact Windstream again.

An agreement was received from the State of Nebraska Department of Roads for Project Number: STP-14-1(120) advising that they would begin the project in Clay County in a few months. The project consists of 15.9 miles, including asphalt overlay on Nebraska Hwy 14. The State asks the County to provide a Registered Land Surveyor to tie out land monuments prior to the construction and tie and remonument after construction. The agreement states that the State will reimburse the County for actual costs.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to authorize the chairman to sign the Agreement between Clay County Nebraska and the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads to tie out land monuments as necessary for Project No. STP-14-1(120) and receive reimbursement for those costs. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Fintel to close the One & Six Year Road Plan hearing at 10:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Johnson to approve the 1 & 6 Year Road plan as presented by Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent, and adopt Resolution #16-02. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #16-02

WHEREAS: The Clay County Board of Supervisors met February 9, 2016, at 9:15 A.M. for a public hearing in the Clay County Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska to consider the County One and Six Year Road Plan, as prepared by Thomas Roemmich II,

WHEREAS: No public interest and/or suggestions were heard at the public hearing on February 9, 2016, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clay County Board of Supervisors, that the One and Six Year Road Plan as prepared and presented by Thomas Roemmich II, Clay County Highway Superintendent, is hereby adopted.

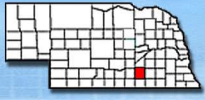
Passed and approved this 9th day of February, 2016.

ATTEST: /s/ Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

CLAY COUNTY: /s/ Todd Nuss, Board Chairman

At the request and recommendation of the Emergency Management Coordinator, the board reviewed the information concerning information on candidates for the Board of Directors to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to vote for Chip Volcek and Robert Tubbs for the Board of Directors to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss.



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Ted Griess, County Attorney presented the information from the City of Trumbull and the lease for the Marshall Twp. Farm for board approval and signature.

There was discussion held regarding the need to purchase real estate in Trumbull, Nebraska for the purpose of constructing a shop for the use of the Clay County Highway Department, and the storage of equipment by the Highway Department. The Board was advised that the Village Board in Trumbull had advertised the proposed sale of Lots 1,2,3,4 and 5, Block 2, Original Town of Trumbull, Clay County, Nebraska to the county for the sum of \$5,750.00. That a hearing had been held and there were no objections to the proposed sale, and that the Village Board had passed a motion to have the Village Board Chairman enter into a contract with the county to sell those lots to Clay County, and to sign a Deed transferring ownership of those lots to Clay County upon the receipt of \$5,750.00.

It was moved by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to offer the Village of Trumbull the appraised price of \$5,750.00 for lots 1,2,3,4 and 5, Block 2 Original Town of Trumbull, Clay County, Nebraska, contingent upon obtaining title insurance showing marketable title in the Village of Trumbull, and deliver of a Deed transferring title to Clay County, Nebraska. The Board chairman is directed to enter into a contract with the Village of Trumbull for such purchase. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to authorize the chairman to sign the Lease between Lorraine Hofmann and Bradley Hofmann and Clay County for lease of the E ½ of Section Five (5), Township Six (6) North, Range Six (6), West of the 6th P.M. for crop years 2016, 2017 and 2018. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

The board asked Ted to see if he could contact Verizon and find out why Clay County is still receiving tower rent from them. Their equipment was removed months ago.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Fintel and seconded by Johnson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of January 2016: County Clerk, \$7,487.20, County Court \$9,862.57, Clerk of District Court, \$41,850.45 and County Treasurer receipts #1601001 through #16010059 in the amount of \$275,687.97. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

The Board discussed what they wanted to do about the spraying of the courthouse lawn. It was decided to advertise.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to advertise for courthouse lawn spraying for 2016; bids to be opened March 22, 2016 at 10:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

The board discussed winter weather conditions that affect the courthouse hours. Previous policy that was put in place in 2012 and reviewed and discussed in 2015 will remain in place. If all three schools in the county are closed, the courthouse will be



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closed. If all three schools in the county have a late start, the courthouse will open at 10:00 AM. If there is not a consensus of all three schools, the courthouse will be open at the normal time (8:30 AM). As clarification, this policy includes the office managers for the Sheriff's department (clerical) and the road department (clerical) but not the other employees of those departments due to the nature of their duties.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to adjourn this meeting at 11:23 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for February 16, 2016. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman